


***LA PAROLE***  
**Newsletter of the Acadian Museum**  
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- You are on the museum's email list to receive *La Parole*. If you know of anyone else who would like to receive it, please forward their name and email address to my secretary Darylin at: [darylinb@plddo.com](mailto:darylinb@plddo.com). If you no longer want to receive future issues, please advise at the email noted above.
- Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Although the Perrin farm house received three feet of water, fortunately we did not receive flood waters in the museum (photo by Stacy Bodin showing museum at far right). 
- Hurricane Ike destroyed many businesses and homes in Louisiana. According to Carroll Dugas, it inflicted severe damage upon one of the oldest buildings in Henry/Bayou Tigre area, the historic two-story Dugas house, which contained one of the first schools in the area. For more information and viewing of storm photographs: [Erath, LA, Hurricane Ike \(September 13, 2008\)](#)
- Following Gustav, I was contacted by Marie-Christine Bonzom with the French Department of the BBC from London and interviewed concerning the impact and recovery from the storms of '08.
- Very important message from Rachelle Dugas, Candidature *Congrès mondial acadien-Louisiane 2014* Bid: "To ensure Louisiana's best chances in the selection process for the 2014 *Congrès mondial acadien* host region, we are looking to all members of the Acadiana community for support. We are currently gathering resolutions and letters of support from all those who would like the *Congrès* to return to Louisiana and we invite everyone to show their support by sending a personal letter or by requesting resolutions from groups, businesses and institutions. All letters must be addressed to *Louisiane-Acadie* (President, Ray Trahan) and must be sent to 735 Jefferson Street Lafayette, LA 70501 by December 31, 2008. The *Congrès mondial acadien* is the largest gathering of Acadians in the world and is held in a different Acadian area every five years." For

more information call Rachelle at 337-291-5489 or 337-291-5474 or email her at [rachelle@louisiane-acadie.com](mailto:rachelle@louisiane-acadie.com).

- George Bentley, Jr. requested that anyone who knows about the history of Jean-Baptiste Broussard (born 1732 Acadie, died Oct. 15, 1825, *Prairie du Vermilion*, Lafayette, Parish) contact him. Bentley will write an in-depth study about Broussard. Contact him at (337) 984-4047.
- On November 5<sup>th</sup>, at the kind invitation of Dr. William Arceneaux, your director will again give a lecture at Tulane University to the Acadian history classes. The title of the speech will be “Most Common Myths About The Acadians.”
- On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Geno Delafosse and French Rockin’ Boogie opened the “Rhythms on the River” Fall lineup at 5:30 p.m. in the River Ranch Town Square. For information: (337) 216-6529.
- On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Europe/Louisiana Business Council celebrated its grand opening at the Fall EUROFESTE 2008 at The Foundry, 333 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Jimmy Johnson, a cartoonist who draws "Arlo & Janis" and lives in Alabama, featured a series of cartoon strips on July 29 - 30 concerning the Acadian deportation and the Queen’s Royal Proclamation. It was a nice surprise.
- As President of CODOFIL, I again had the honor of helping to host the French delegation who were in Louisiana September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the re-signing of the Bi-lateral Accords between Louisiana and France at the Governor’s mansion. The French government now pays the salaries of two of the dozen teachers who are part of Audubon’s French Immersion program. There are two other French Immersion programs in New Orleans, the International School of Louisiana and Edward Hynes Charter School. Signing the Accords for France were French Minister of Education Darcos and French Ambassador to the United States Pierre Vimont.
- Acadian Heritage Week was October 5 through 12. Thanks to Elaine Clement, there were many activities highlighting the Acadian cultural family in Louisiana. You will also find the calendar on their web site at [www.acadianheritage.org](http://www.acadianheritage.org).
- Our Cajun heritage was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Fourth and Main Streets, Baton Rouge, La., October 19<sup>th</sup> at a 10:00 a.m. mass. There were special readings and prayers in French. The mass was televised on Channel 15 live. For more information: (225) 295-9040.
- The Lafayette Convention and Visitor’s Commission has produced a brochure entitled “A Cajun & Creole Christmas” which is a guide to holiday events. For more information, call (337) 232-3737 or (800) 543-5340.

- An expanded two-CD re-issue of the landmark live album has been digitally re-mastered from the original two-track masters and features performances from Dennis McGee, The Balfa Brothers, Freeman Fontenot, The Ardoin Brothers Band with Bois-Sec Ardoin, D. L. Menard, BeauSoleil, Zachary Richard, Canray Fontenot, John Delafosse and many other artists. Cost: \$20 plus shipping and handling. For more information: <http://ccet.louisiana/edu>.
- Long-time museum supporter Kern Broussard was in a serious accident on October 5<sup>th</sup>. He was working on a hay bailer which accidentally broke his pelvis in two places. He is recovering at Baton Rouge General Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ed Fleishchmann, President *Les Amis du CODOFIL, Westbank*, has assumed the presidency after the untimely death on July 31<sup>st</sup> of long-time President J. B. Borel. They had a *Petite Dejeuner Acadian* on October 4<sup>th</sup> and a general membership meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. (504-832-0800; [flashhh@bellsouth.net](mailto:flashhh@bellsouth.net))
- We appreciate being sent a copy of the Fall 2008 issue of “Blanket Statements” by Dale Drake which includes her article on our Acadian cotonnade quilts. “Blanket Statements” is the quarterly newsletter of the American Quilt Study group. For more information: (317-996-3553; [ddrake@ccrtc.com](mailto:ddrake@ccrtc.com) )
- Rose Courville, Rachelle Dugas and Lucius Fontenot have produced an outstanding project: “Moncton Rock, Acadiana Cri: Art and Music in the Cultural Capitals of Both Acadies (1968-2008).” This multi-disciplinary group exhibition highlighting the work of over 30 artists and musicians from Moncton and Acadiana is a rare spotlight on contemporary Acadian and Cajun artists from both north and south Acadia. On October 17<sup>th</sup> there was a Panel Discussion with Dr. David Cherie, Dr. Barry Ancelet, Mary Broussard Perrin, David Greeley and Dr. David Barry. For more information on upcoming events: Rachelle Dugas, (337) 291-5489 or [rachelle@louisiane-acadie.com](mailto:rachelle@louisiane-acadie.com).
- The CAFA meeting will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at the WOW in Maurice. This meeting is important because the election of new officers will take place.
- Thanks to Loubert Trahan who continues to an excellent job with CAFA. He recently sent to us the CAFA Newsletter, *Une Goutte de CAFA*, containing information on the upcoming events. The Broussard and Trahan Family Associations meetings to be held jointly on November 8, 2008 at the WOW Hall in Maurice, Louisiana. For more information: Loubert Trahan: [lgtrahan@cox-internet.com](mailto:lgtrahan@cox-internet.com).
- On October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Cord Stuart of History Break Tours will be making a presentation at meetings of CAFA/Acadian Memorial concerning the sponsored bus trip for the CMA 2009 to

the Acadian Peninsula of north New Brunswick. The tour will allow participants to have the option of busing all the way and back or flying to and from Maine.

- Governor Bobby Jindal along with Lafayette City Parish President Joey Durel proclaimed October 5 - 12 as Acadian Heritage Week across Louisiana. Schools were encouraged to focus their teaching lessons on Acadian heritage and culture.
- On October 11 and 12, arts and crafts abounded with music and special children's events as *Festival Acadiens et Creoles* took place in Girard Park. New to the festival for 2008 was *Place Des Petits*, or "Place for Children," organized by *Les Amis de L'Immersion*. Gerald Breaux of the Lafayette Convention and Visitor's Bureau said that money raised by the festival this year would be used to benefit local French immersion programs around Acadiana as well as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette French program.
- Sam Broussard, musical director for the Acadian Museum, directed the music for the production of Zydeco Zaré For more information, contact PASA at 237-2787.
- Jim Bradshaw did an interesting story "Not all old French names here are Acadian" (*Advertiser*, October 12, 2008) which discussed that many long-settled French families such as Fontenot, LaFleur, Doucet, LaGrange, Bonin and Brignac were actually French families who had settled in the Mobile area where Iberville set up his first quarters in "Louisiana." They were displaced as a result of the Treaty of Paris in 1763 which gave these lands to Great Britain.
- Bragging rights in this year's Francophone Golf tournament was decided in Lafayette during the competition of the 10<sup>th</sup> Acadiana Cup Series at *Le Trioumphe*. A total of 72 Acadiana area golfers squared off with 72 international golfers from France, Belgium and several Canadian Provinces in a Ryder Cup style event. Thanks to Buddy Guillory who has been instrumental in organizing and promoting the event.
- Trent Angers, author of "An Airboat on the Streets of New Orleans," helped to organize a book signing at Barnes and Noble for Doug Bienvenu and Drew LeBlanc.
- Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu and the Louisiana Division of the Arts presented the 2008 Governor's Arts Award October 7 at the Shaw Center for the Arts. The awards are given annually to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the arts and the quality of life in Louisiana. Among the winners for cultural tourism were *Festival International de Louisiane* and Cajun and zydeco musician Terrance Simien.
- The Louisiana State Museum has been awarded a \$1.1 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation through the Louisiana Museum Foundation. The grant specifically funds research contributing to the museum's upcoming exhibit on hurricanes Katrina and Rita slated for

the Fall of 2010. Congratulations to Greg Lamboussy and Karen Leathem who will direct the execution of the grant. We are working with them to document the storms and their effect on South Louisiana. They recently interviewed Eric Toups.

- Congratulations to Shelton Cobb, newly-elected School Board Member from Lafayette Parish. Cobb has been very supportive of CODOFIL and accompanied our delegation for the signing of Accords in France.
- The Acadian *Centre Acadien*, Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance and the Cajun Culture Association jointly announced the availability of the Russell Gaspard French Immersion Scholarship to be awarded to Vermilion Parish high school students for the 2009 summer French immersion study program in Nova Scotia, Canada. A scholarship will be awarded for study at the *Université Sainte-Anne* in Church Point, Nova Scotia. This program was begun by Dr. Jean-Douglas Comeau, a member of the Acadian Museum's Living Legends. For more information: (337) 898-4114.
- *Festival Acadiens et Creoles* paid tribute to Zachary Richard who performed in connection with the 400<sup>th</sup> birthday of Quebec - *Bonne Fête Québec*.
- *Festival Acadiens Live 1981* is a new CD that features Alphonse "Bos Sec" Ardoin, Freeman Fontenot, Dennis McGee, Sady Courville, Canray Fontenot, Preston Manuel, John Delafosse, D. L. Menard, the Balfa Brothers, The Ardoin Brothers, Zachary Richard, Michael Doucet and BeauSoleil. For more information: [www.LouisianaCrossroads.org](http://www.LouisianaCrossroads.org).
- Some of our loyal supporters who were recently honored as Women of Excellence include: Dr. Patricia Rickels, Jan Swift, Rebekah Huggins and Dr. Maureen Brennan, Executive Director and founder of *Cité des Arts*, a local venue for artists, writers, actors, dancers and musicians and.
- Our trip to France promoting the French version of *Acadian Redemption, Une Saga Acadienne*, was very enjoyable and successful: we arrive in Portofino, Italy, on September 5<sup>th</sup> and joined our friends Nicole Lenoir, Gerald and Michelle deLaunay, Stuart Smith and Barry Cooper aboard the sailing yacht Oceana; we sailed to various ports in Italy and France and arrived in Monte Carlo where we hosted His Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco, his girlfriend Charlene Whittstock, her father, brother and a friend for a "Cajun feast on the French Riviera." We then sailed to Fréjus, France where we participated, along with a delegation from Abbeville, at the Giant Omelette Festival. After, we went to Bordeaux where we were hosted by Michel Couthures, the former Consul General of France in New Orleans at his residence in Arcachon; on September 18<sup>th</sup>, I made a presentation on my book for the members of *l'Association Bordeaux - USA*; in Bordeaux where we were hosted by Marlene Durand, former clerk in our law office. We

went for a tour of Sainte-Emillion accompanied by Kathryn Larcher and Emmanuel Erambert of Bordeaux.

- Abbeville's Magdalen Square was the setting from the Giant Omelette Festival held on November 1 - 2.
- Although Hurricane Gustav and Ike caused a delay in the printing of the book *Une Saga Acadienne*, we attach hereto a flyer so that those interested in ordering the French version may do so that this time. We hope to have the book available early next year.
- On October 17-19, I attended the World Francophone Summit in Quebec along with Dr. David Cheramie, Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu (staff members Joe Dunn and Brooke Smith) and Senator Eric La Fleur. I had a nice meeting with Jean-Guy Rioux, President of the *Congrès Mondial Acadien 2009*. I assured him that we would have a large delegation of Cajuns attending the event to be held in August in New Brunswick.
- Hurricane Gustav wrecked havoc on a number of the homes owned by members of the United Houma Nation in *Isle de Jean Charles*. They are asking for financial aid and support. For information: (985) 856-5336.
- The University of Louisiana System has created a partnership with Pôlle University Léonard de Vinci of Paris that will include student and faculty exchange opportunities across the system's universities. Representatives visited the campus during September, according to Brad O'Hara, UL System Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- The World Trade Center started its session of language classes on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Call (504) 373-5197.
- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Historic New Orleans Collection presented the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Les Comédiens Français Lecture "Manon Lescault": From Allure to Addiction* presented by Dr. Quinn Peeper.
- Thanks to Arthur B. Mouton who sent to us an interesting article about how many of our English words in the legal system are actually from French all as a result of the Norman invasion.
- Michelle Benoit and Glen Pitre released their new film "Harvest to Restore: America's Coast Heartland" on LPB on September 23. Congratulations to award-winning film maker Pitre on his new film "The Man Who Came Back" starring Eric Braeden, Armand Assante, Ken Norton, George Kennedy and others.
- Sadly, the parents of Cajun musician and cultural activist Bruce Daigrepoint were killed in a car accident while evacuating ahead of Hurricane Gustav.
- New Brunswick Premier, Shawn Graham announced a one million dollars financial contribution for the organization of the 2009 *Congrès Mondial Acadien* on behalf of the provincial

government. This amount is added onto the province's earlier million dollar commitment. The World Acadian Congress will be an incredible opportunity for New Brunswick to take the spotlight and highlight all that is great in that Province.

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, renowned American journalist Ronald Katz visited Lafayette as part of his United States tour to present French Architecture in America.
- Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu announced the award of \$266,000 in World Cultural Economic Forum Passport Event grants to 26 parishes. The events ran from October 30 - 31 and included *Festival Acadiens et Creole* showcasing the best in Cajun and Zydeco music in Lafayette.
- Sadly, Zydeco legend Fernest Arceneaux died on September 5<sup>th</sup> and Gloria LeBlanc, wife of Living Legend, Edward "E.J." LeBlanc, died on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Residents are invited to *La Table Française* (French Table) from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at KaJeune's Diner, 2979 S. Union in Opelousas. For more information: 948-5227.
- A French Table is also held at Dwyer's Café, 323 Jefferson Street, from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. For more information: 264-1783.
- Congratulations to Tyron Picard who was awarded the President's Award by Acadian Ambulance.
- *Alliance Française* continues to sponsor monthly *Le Pique Nique* at Girard Park for upcoming events visit the website: <http://french.meetup.com/740/> or call 261-1002.
- To good reviews, the Lost Bayou Ramblers released their latest CD "Vermilionaire" at the Blue Moon on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- *L'Angelus* launched the 2008 season of Bach Lunch on October 3 with a performance at Parc Sans Souci in downtown Lafayette. For more information, 291-5544.
- Using French Immersion as a model, the Lafayette Parish School system director Nicole Boudreaux recently announced the new Mandarin Chinese Immersion program as part of the World Language Academy at Alice Boucher Elementary school. For more information, contact [www.lafayettechoice.com](http://www.lafayettechoice.com).
- I was interviewed by Nancy Russell, CBC Radio, Prince Edward Island for the Island Morning Show concerning Acadian history as part of a series of interviews. To hear the interview, go to <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2008/10/21/pe-f-vive-lacadie.html>
- As a result of objections from many people including me, the LPGA has backtracked on its English-only language policy.

- Recently-retired UL Administrator John T. Landry is now enjoying leisure time with his grandchildren. His pecan island duck camp was recently featured in an article “Marshview Lodge, Paradis Lost...and Regained.”
- Vernon Palmer, co-chair Thomas Pickles Professor of Law, Tulane Law School, announced finalizing the program for the Colloquium celebrating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Civil Code of 1808. For more information: (504) 865-5978.
- The annual Judge Allen M. Babineaux International Civil Law Symposium was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette. Thanks to John Hernandez, III and John Hernandez, Jr. for their work.
- *Le Musée de Kaplan* is hosting an ongoing exhibit “New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music.” For more information: (337) 643-1528.
- The Acadian Museum has renewed its membership in the American Association for State and Local History. For more information: [membership@aaslh.org](mailto:membership@aaslh.org).
- Thanks to Natasha Ouellet who sent us information concerning lodging for the *Congrès Mondial Acadien*. For more information: <http://www.cma2009.ca/?page=hebergement&region=Grand-Caraquet&p=1&start=0> .
- Bayou Vermilion Festival took place on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Vermilionville featuring several bands, including Jason Frey & Lagniappe.
- Jim Bradshaw’s column *C’Est Vrai* did a series of stories on the artichoke and how it was the plant that saved the Acadians’ lives during their first year in Canada, thanks to the *Mi’Kmaq* Indians. It was referred to as the *topinambour* plant.
- On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Nora Bernard, the *Mi’Kmaq* activist who led the fight for compensation for Indian Residential School victims, was inducted into the Order of Nova Scotia, the Province’s highest award for good citizenship.
- The Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism at UL Lafayette sponsored a conference “Have Books, Will Travel: Literary Tourism in the Gulf South.” For more information: call CCET at 482-1320.
- Damon Veach wrote an interesting article “Louisiana Ancestors” (*Advocate*, September 28, 2008) on the Vermilion Parish Historical Society’s books, including the recent journey into the past, “Abbeville, Louisiana: The Early Years” by Ken Dupuis and with the assistance of attorney Gary Theall. Vermilion Parish Historical Society, P. O. Box 877, Abbeville, LA 70511-0877.
- Unfortunately, the Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge suffered serious damage when a tornado tore through the complex off Essen Lane the day Hurricane Gustav hit. The Harvest Days will continue as scheduled.

- The U. S. Navy was honored for its key role in the massive amphibious wartime invasion that helped propel the Allies to victory in World War II. Hundreds of uniformed U.S. sailors and French well-wishers and Navy veterans of the war, joined the U.S. and French officials on Utah Beach for the inauguration of Normandy's first monument honoring the sacrifices of U.S. sailors in the war against Germany.
- The New Orleans Museum of Art, the city's oldest institution, took a six million dollar hit from Hurricane Katrina when it was closed six months but it is now back in operation and has an excellent collection of French and American art and photography.
- Vermilion Parish Schools hosted "Sing in French, Dance and Hand Signing" at Rene Rost Middle School in Kaplan. For more information: 643-8545.
- According to the Lt. Governor, "My Louisiana," a display of the state's culture, food and people, began running at the Epcot International Food & Wine Festival. Walt Disney World will feature a different region of the state focused on Louisiana's newly-launched Culinary Trails program.
- Historian Shane K. Bernard gave several presentations in the "My Louisiana" venue.
- Congratulations to Living Legend Richard Zuschlag, chief executive officer of Acadian Ambulance, who was named to serve on the Bush-Clinton Recovery Fund committee to aid in the Louisiana and Texas relief from Hurricane Gustav and Ike.
- Representatives of seven orchestras in Louisiana unveiled a series of classroom lessons that use music connected with the Mississippi River to shed light on the state's history and culture. This music education effort, known as "Music of the Mississippi," is the second in a five-year series of music lessons. The Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra produced it with The Historic New Orleans Collection with help from teachers in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.
- Jim Bradshaw did a review of the book "German's of Roberts Cove 1880-2007" by Reinhart Kondert (Center for Louisiana Studies, \$30) published in time for the annual GermanFest in Acadia Parish community.
- Congratulations to photographer Lucius Fontenot whose exhibit got wonderful reviews: Culture, a photographic display held at Gallery R Downtown at the Russo Group in Lafayette. The work featured many musicians, including Steve Riley, Zachary Richard, Cedric Watson and the Savoy Family Band.
- If you are looking for books and research materials for Terrebonne Parish, check the Terrebonne Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 20295, Houma, LA 70360-0295. For more information: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~laterreb/tgs.htm>.

- Thanks to Paul Arsenault who sent us the photograph of his son displaying the Louisiana Acadian flag at the North Pole.
- Thanks to Consul General Olivier Brochenin for hosting the reception at his residence in New Orleans September 24<sup>th</sup> in honor of Xavier Darcos, French Minister of Education.
- Thanks to Robert Vincent who sent to us the interesting article which had appeared in *Time* magazine in 1955 concerning a Civil Rights incident which took place in Erath when African American students were brought to catechism classes. To read the article: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,711903,00.html> .
- *La Parole* will be placed on the *Congrès Mondial Acadien's* website at <http://www.cma2009.ca/> .
- The Vermilion Parish Coastal Protection/Restoration Advisory Committee (VP-CPRA) would like to invite all Vermilion Parish residents to attend a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Abbeville High School Auditorium. This meeting will feature speakers regarding hurricane surges, saltwater intrusion and all issues of the recent hurricanes which affect Vermilion Parish's and the nation's economy. The VP-CPRA will present the Parish's Hurricane Protection/Restoration Plan which addresses measures that will reduce storm surge by creating multiple lines of defense for Vermilion Parish. Your director will speak on the Acadian Culture of the Parish.
- A member of our Board of Directors, E. G. "T-Boy" Hebert was recently appointed by Governor Jindal to be a member of the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana System of Colleges. A long-time supporter of UL, "T-Boy" has been a major financial supporter of the museum.
- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, an Souls Day ceremony was held in the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden at the Deportation Cross Replica. After the 9am Mass at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, the congregation was invited to join in a precession to the Acadian Memorial to unite in prayer in remembrance of the Acadians who died during and after the great upheaval of the deported Acadians.
- *Bon Tintamarre!* Celebrating the "Tintamarre" is becoming more popular. The *Le Jumelage* Association of Scott, La. Held its 2nd "Tintamarre" on Sunday October 26, 2008. This will be part of the weekend long celebration honoring the Triangle Club in Scott. Many of the past musicians who preformed at the Triangle Club will be on stage throughout Saturday and into Sunday. The *Le Jumelage* Association asked that Acadian family members to attend and carry their family flag for the "Tintamarre." Call Dot Prejean Stelly at 237-8700 or Tom Wicker at 235-2205.

- The *Beaujolois Nouveau Festival* will be held November 20<sup>th</sup> at The Foundry, 333 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information: (504) 561-0070.
- Michelle d’Auray, Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, stated that the Coast Guard Ship Edward Cornwallis will soon be decommissioned and that its replacement will not carry the name of the colonial governor. As for naming the soon to be decommissioned ship Edward Cornwallis the Deputy states: “Unfortunately, the complete history of Edward Cornwallis was not taken into consideration.” See Halifax Herald article: <http://www.danielpaul.com/HistoryItemsAndCommunityEvents.html>.
- In conjunction with its 74th annual meeting, the Southern Historical Association presented “Displacement and Diaspora: Slavery, Freedom, and Family between Saint-Domingue and Louisiana,” on October 10 at the Williams Research Center, 410 Chartres Street. Ada Ferrer, associate professor of history at New York University, presided over three sessions.
- The *Los Angeles Times* featured a story: “Bayou crayfish restaurants crack Little Saigon market.” “In 2004, Gulf Coast transplant Dada Ngo and her husband opened the Boiling Crab. Its success has spawned imitators who serve the shellfish delicacy, also known as crawdads or mud bust, to diner who can’t get enough.” The complete article can be viewed at: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-crayfish23-2008sep23,0,925553.story>.
- The Friends of French Studies at LSU and *Members of L’Assemblée Française* held *Fête Champêtre* at the French House on the campus of LSU on October 26, 2008.
- On October 9<sup>th</sup>, the UL Lafayette Department of Modern Languages held an event commemorating the longstanding partnership between Quebec and Louisiana: *Colloque Québec-Louisiane: Rencoutres et Retrouvailles*.
- On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Louisiana Association of Museums met at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center for a Pre Conference to the World Economic Cultural Forum. For more information: 225-383-6800.
- Terry M. Thibodeaux, Ph.D.’s new book *Catherine Cadeau* follows a young Cajun woman from Lafayette to the Atchafalaya Basin to Nova Scotia and then to 1755 Acadie, where she lives through the expulsion of our ancestors from their homeland. For more information: [thib@shsu.edu](mailto:thib@shsu.edu).
- Events at The Historic New Orleans Collection include the Fifth Annual Boulogny Lecture to Discuss Spanish and Native American Negotiations was held on October 16. Fro more information: (504) 523-4662. Also, on January 31, 2009, there will be a symposium entitled “The Acadian Diaspora” at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel in New Orleans.

- Sadly, Dr. Emile Frigault, Jean Robert Frigault's father, died on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Maine. He was 88 years old. Jean Robert was the representative of New Brunswick in Louisiana for over 10 years.
- If anybody would like to receive issues of *Contact-Acadie-Bulletin du Centre d'études acadiennes Anselme-Chiasson et du Musée acadien de l'Université de Moncton*, you may request it by visiting their website at [www.unmoncton.ca/etudeacadiennes/centre/contact.html](http://www.unmoncton.ca/etudeacadiennes/centre/contact.html) or calling (506) 858-4719.
- If you would like to see a very moving documentary on the life of "Living Legend" Richard Guidry, log onto [migrations@radio-canda.ca](mailto:migrations@radio-canda.ca). You may nominate the documentary for an award.
- "Young Ladies of Good Family" by Anne Marie du Bois de Chêne of Lafayette has been translated into French. The French title is "*Jeunes Filles de Bonne Famille.*"
- On October 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Cathedral held a French Mass in celebration of our Cajun heritage in Baton Rouge. Chris Bush represented CODOFIL at the event.
- Our "Living Legend" Edgar "Sonny" Mouton, Jr. was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Lafayette Parish Democratic Party. Senator Mouton was one of the founders of CODOFIL and remains an active supporter.
- *Advocate* staff writer Emily Hebert did an excellent story on former State Senator Bill Jones' book "Louisiana Cowboys" ("Recalling Louisiana Cowboys", October 22, 2008, Section E). The excellent book chronicles the beginning of Louisiana's cattle industry where the Acadians were granted land patents by the Spanish government in return for providing cattle to New Orleans.
- Michael Doucette of the band *Beausoleil* performed in London for the Louisiana promotions sponsored by the New Orleans Jazz Festival and the Lt. Governor's office. The event took place in connection with the New Orleans' Saints playing the San Diego Chargers at Wembley Stadium.
- Zachary Richard has been honored with an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from UL.
- The Center for French and Francophone Studies at Louisiana State University presented an evening of wine featuring a lecture, wine tasting and live wine auction on November 12 at the Camelot Clue (Chase Bank Building, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, downtown Baton Rouge) at 6:00 p.m.
- Governor Bobby Jindal, Opelousas Mayor Donald Cravins and Lafayette Consolidated Government's Mayor Joey Durel signed a Proclamation declaring October 5 - 12 Acadian Heritage Week. The bi-lingual proclamation was prepared by Dr. David Chermie and Elaine Clement.

- The *Alliance Francaise de Lafayette* is offering classes in written French geared to native Cajun French speakers. For more information, 261-1002.
- Sadly, a fire completely destroyed the *Ordre du Bon Temps* building at “*Le Pays de la Sagouine*” in Bouctouche, New Brunswick. <http://www.acadian.org/sagouine.html>.
- Moncton Rock + Acadiana Cri - upcoming events will be November 22 at *La Table Francaise* at Steeple Vue Gallery; December 13<sup>th</sup> - *Feu et l'Eau* Festival; December 18<sup>th</sup> - Movie night with films from Louisiana and *Acadie du Nord*.
- French Friday, a celebration with Cajun and Zydeco groups, was held on November 7 in downtown Opelousas. CODOFIL had a tent and celebrated CODOFIL's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The Bayou Vermilion Boat Tours are now going on through November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to reserve a spot call 233-4077, Ext 206.
- Louisiana Public Broadcasting's documentary's “Louisiana Story: Reverse Angle” was selected as the Best Historical Documentary at the 2008 New York Film and Video Festival.